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1. MOST TURKISH DAILIES SEPT. 24 NOTE RETURN OF
AMBASSADOR MACOMBER FROM WASHINGTON WHERE HE TESTIFIED
AT SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE HEARINGS ON DCA.
CONSERVATIVE AND GENERALLY PRO-DEMIREL TERCUMAN, AS
MOST PAPERS, CARRIES AMBASSADOR'S STATMENT TO REPORTERS
ON HIS ARRIVAL ON THE EVENING OF SEPT. 22 THAT RATIFICATION
OF DCA HAS BEEN DEFERRED UNTIL AFTER PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS.

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2. IN ADDITION, TERCUMAN REPORTS UNIDENTIFIED GOT OFFICIALS

AS SAYING THEY HAD NO INFORMATION ABOUT DELAY IN DCA APPROVAL, BUT THAT "DELAY IN THE RATIFICATION WOULD CREATE VARIOUS INCONVENIENCES, AND THAT TURKEY HAS ALREADY DRAWN THESE TO THE USA'S ATTENTION." TERCUMAN REPORT ALSO STATES THAT FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL WILL MEET WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER IN THE US TO REITERATE THESE POINTS. (NOTE: THIS IS FIRST MENTION IN TURKISH PRESS THAT FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL IS EXPECTED TO MEET WITH THE SECRETARY. NO DETAILS WERE GIVEN, HOWEVER.)

3. ALSO ON TERCUMAN PAGE 1 IS REPORT BY YANKI NEW AGENCY (WHICH IS REPUTED TO HAVE GOOD CONTACTS AMONG TURKISH MILITARY) THAT BEFORE SEPT. 30 CONGRESS CAN DISAPPROVE \$125 MILLION FMS CREDIT FOR PURCHASE OF 16 PHANTOM AIRCRAFT. THIS REPORT QUOTES AN UNIDENTIFIED MFA OFFICIAL AS SAYING THAT CONGRESSIONAL BLOCKING OF THE FMS LOAN WOULD "CONSTITUTE A REIMPOSITION OF THE ARMS EMBARGO." THE ARTICLE CONTINUES THAT EACH PHANTOM WOULD COST ABOUT \$7 MILLION AND THAT THE LOCAL MCDONNELL-DOUGLAS AGENT, KUDSI BEGDESIN, WILL RECEIVE A COMMISSION (AMOUNT UNSPECIFIED) EVEN THOUGH THE F-4 PURCHASE IS OFFICIALLY A GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT TRANSACTION. FINALLY, THIS REPORT SAYS THAT GOT WANTS TO PURCHASE "SPARROW" AIR-TO-AIR MISSILES FOR THE F-4'S AT APPROXIMATELY \$130,000 PER COPY.

4. TERCUMAN COMMENTS EDITORIALY ON PAGE 3 THAT THE PARTIAL ARMS EMBARGO ON TURKEY WILL CONTINUE WHILE THE US CONTINUES TO ARM THE GREEKS, THUS MAKING THE "UGLY AMERICAN" IMAGE OF THE US MORE PROMINENT. COMMENTING ON AEGEAN PROBLEMS WITH GREECE, THE TERCUMAN EDITORIAL STATES THAT A "WORSENING OF RELATIONS CAN BE EXPECTED" BUT THAT "TURKEY SHOULD NOT BE CARRIED AWAY BY HER ANGER OR BY THE SEVERE PROVOCATIONS WHICH ARE BOUND TO BE MADE DURING THE COMING DAYS..."

T. POPULAR DAILY HURRIYET, IN ADDITION TO REPORTING AMBASSADOR MACMBER'S STATEMENT ON THE DCA PER PARA 1 ABOVE, ALLEGES ON PAGE 3 THAT "AMERICA HAS BOWED TO THE PRESSURE OF THE GREEK LOBBY" IN POSTPONING DECISION ON THE DCA UNTIL AFTER THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS. ON THIS THEME, HURRIYET REPORT FROM WASHINGTON STATES THAT "THE EFFORTS OF THE GREEK AND GREEK CYPRIOT REPRESENTATIVES ON THE MEMBERS OF THE

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(SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS) COMMITTEE HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVE" AND THAT THE DELAY IN RATIFICATION OF THE DCA IS CALCULATED BY THE "GREEK LOBBY IN THE AMERICAN CONGRESS" TO PUT MORE PRESSURE ON TURKEY.

6. FINALLY, MOST PAPERS NOTE VISIT OF FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL TO LOS ANGELES, INCLUDING DEMONSTRATION BY ARMENIANS OUTSIDE HILTON HOTEL.

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